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McKEE'S THORNLESS STOCK ROSE

We have been growing budded roses exclusively and extensively for more than thirty years, and during these years we have used and tried out many of the different kinds of rose stocks.

About the first kind that we began with was the Seven Sisters, and all those who had anything to do with it know how very unsatisfactory it was and how badly it sprouted from the roots. Absolutely a rose grown on it was not fit to sell. But it was the best we had, and it was used extensively at that time. The roses grown on it would sprout up from the stock and choke out the bud or graft, and this would cause dissatisfaction and it was the beginning of the prejudice against budded roses that exists to this day.

Baltimore Belle came next and it was a great improvement and was used largely for a number of years, but it had a frail constitution and could not hold out, and it seems to have become extinct in the South.

Then the Manetta, which is yet used in some sections of the North and East and once used in a big way throughout the South, but on account of its numerous undesirable characteristics, it has been relegated away to the rear and is hardly to be found in the Southland.

The Wax Rose was introduced into this country from Europe by the McKees, and became very popular over a large territory; it is used in many places today, but its nature of carrying sap throughout the winter makes it uncertain, and it will soon pass out entirely.

The Canina is the stock rose most extensively used in the South today; it is planted by the millions, and is deservedly popular because of its wonderful vigor, splendid root system and other good qualities. But it has THORNS and plenty of them, and it is like murder to bud or work in a field of them.

The owner of these Nurseries has often wished for a thornless stock rose that would possess all of the desirable characteristics of the Canina. This wish has been gratified, and today we are greatly delighted to possess a most wonderful stock rose which is almost thornless and the stock can be budded, as we do peach trees, without hand or arm protection, and that everlasting dread and horror connected with the approach of rose budding time has been eliminated entirely; now it is looked forward to with pleasure where this new stock is used.

Some years ago we discovered three plants growing among our large block of Caninas which were distinctly different, and were practically without thorns. Our test with them began at once and we have been perfectly delighted with their behavior ever since, and now we are using them exclusively and the wonderful non-sprouting roses we grow from this stock will attest to its great superiority.

With this rose stock and our own special methods used in propagation we know that our roses are absolutely non-sprouting, and will give perfect satisfaction when planted on the right kind of land and properly cared for.

Certainly BUDDED Roses are far superior to roses on their own roots if they are GROWN RIGHT on non-sprouting stock. We know that our rightly grown roses will please every buyer, and we believe everybody will buy them and use none other when they have learned that they are absolutely non-sprouting.

There is a great future for this class of budded roses and we are glad to help you produce this kind by offering a limited amount of cuttings for sale.

The price is \$10.00 per 1000 for seven inch cuttings f. o. b. Jacksonville, Texas. To make sure of getting what you want, we would advise that you order early and send the cash with the order; cuttings will be shipped when needed.

**THE S. R. McKEE NURSERIES AND ROSE GARDENS
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